(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the decision/action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for important tourism projects identified in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations. The following projects in Uttar Pradesh have been identified during the current financial year and the State Government has been requested to sent detailed project proposals:—

(i) Development of Lucknow as a tourist destination.

(ii) Rural tourism project at Chiraigaon in Varanasi District.

Tourist package for Andhra Pradesh

740. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state the action proposed to assist Andhra Pradesh Government for developing new tour packages from Vijayawada to Vishakapatnam and Araku valley to attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): There is no scheme in the Department of Tourism to develop tour packages. However packages are promoted/sold by the tour operators/travel agents depending upon its demand by the domestic and international tourists. The question of assisting Andhra Pradesh for development/promotion of new packages from Vijayawada to Vishakapatnam and Araku Valley to attract tourists does not arise.

Funds allocated for promotion of tourism

741. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds granted to various States and Union Territories for the promotion of tourism in the country during the last three years;